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Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing two of these references. The relevance of these two references can be seen from the International Search Report.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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